

Application No. 09/867,227

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-14. (Canceled).

15. (Currently Amended) An ink receiving medium comprising:

a microporous polymeric film ~~that does not include filler particles~~; and

a microporous coating applied on at least one side of said film,

wherein said coating comprises a cross-linking agent, at most 90 parts of colloidal inorganic particles and at least 10 parts of a polymeric binder, the weight percentage of colloidal inorganic particles being greater than the weight percent of polymeric binder.

16. (Previously presented) The ink receiving medium as recited in claim 15, wherein said colloidal inorganic particles are made of silica.

17. (Previously presented) The ink receiving medium as recited in claim 15, wherein said colloidal inorganic particles are made of alumina.

18. (Previously presented) The ink receiving medium as recited in claim 15, wherein said polymeric binder comprises polyurethane.

19. (Previously presented) The ink receiving medium as recited in claim 15, wherein said polymeric binder comprises polyvinyl alcohol.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously presented) The ink receiving medium as recited in claim 15, wherein said microporous polymeric film is made of polypropylene.

22. (Previously presented) The ink receiving medium as recited in claim 15, wherein said coating further comprises surfactant.

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23. (Previously presented) The ink receiving medium as recited in claim 15, wherein said coating further comprises plasticizer.

24. (Previously presented) The ink receiving medium as recited in claim 15, further comprising a substrate laminated to said microporous polymeric film.

25-33. (Canceled).

34. (Currently Amended) An ink receiving medium comprising a microporous stretched polymeric film ~~without filler particles~~; and a colloidal coating applied on at least one side of said microporous stretched polymeric film, wherein said colloidal coating comprises a cross-linking agent and at most 90 parts submicron inorganic pigment particles embedded in at least 10 parts of a binder.

Claim 35 (New) A microporous coating, comprising:

a cross-linking agent;

at most 90 parts of colloidal inorganic particles; and

at least 10 parts of a polymeric binder,

wherein

the weight percentage of colloidal inorganic particles being greater than the weight percent of polymeric binder.